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Manyana

By Stephen Rose

Author of "A Mexican at Heart," etc.



I was a wretched day. The heavens of an autumnal day seemed to reek unutterable vengeance upon all creation by sending down a terrific rain that drenched one through and through. The quietness of an unprofitable day threw me into a sad and pensive mood, for which I could not account, as I gazed dreamily out upon the wet and congested thoroughfare. There I sat reflecting with happy and sad remembrances of those fleeting cares of life that had made me the successful man that I was. My thoughts went back to my parents now snatched from me as by some unknown fate; but in spite of it all, I was now in control of a Detective Agency that had no mean reputation among those of the Western cities. My heart swelled with pride when I gazed upon the words, WENDELL and CRAVER, although my pride did not belie my convictions that we were, without a doubt, a shrewd pair of detectives, in that we had established our office in the most popular business section of Salt Lake City. I reflected that I had reached a matured age with no one to pity me—no one to save or spend that which I had accumulated from time to time; how contentedly I had remained as I was; and cheated civilization out of that which was rightfully her own.

As the clock struck four, I arose from my desk fully resolved that I would continue this

thievery no longer, but choose some woman in whom I could confide and make my own. As I strolled into the broad corridors of the La Temdant, a fashionable hotel in which I lived, the greeting "Hello Taylor Wendell" reached my ears, and I turned to find that it was my roommate Philip Larnier who was addressing me, as he made a hasty exit from the smoking room to join me. After a pleasant dinner, which was enriched with the gossip and chit-chat of the business world, we retired to our room not far away where Phil, in his eagerness to keep an engagement which we both had at a fashionable boarding school, proceeded to dress in all possible haste. I, not yet resolved as to how I would spend the evening, flung myself into a cosy arm chair, while Phil crooned some strange, but sweet melody, the only audible words of which, were "Manyana."

"Phil," said I when I could bear his croon no longer, "What about 'Manyana?'"

"Manyana," replied he, "Why, it is a love song; a girl who you're crazy about."

"What," retorted I, not knowing the truth, "you mean that it is a song that you don't know anything about."

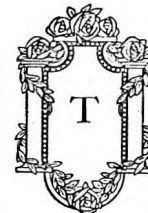
I must have been right in reaching this conclusion, for he made no reply, but gave such a hearty laugh that the very walls seemed to echo with its ring. He sang no more, but as he departed said,

"Taylor, you will join me, won't you?"

"Yes," I replied, "I suppose I shall." And then I was alone.

The light seemed to flicker with an unusual sadness while the

Why Spanish Should be Studied



THE belief that German will be the universal language is to the writer a mere conjecture. The eagerness with which students are bounding and leaping for the study of German would lead one to believe that many lucrative positions are suspending themselves in mid-air, only waiting for the students of German to reap the pecuniary harvest. The writer is not prejudiced against German and, therefore, is not writing any disclaimer as to the study of that cultural language.

Mr. William J. Bryan and Mr. John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union have emphasized the value of the knowledge of Spanish for commercial reasons. To this the writer adds, for diplomatic reasons. Commercialism is the cry of the world today. Some of the former commercial satellites of the world—those countries which were wont to export their goods to all parts of the world—have almost suddenly become paralyzed, and are now suffering external economic destruction, as a result of the catastrophe now raging and boiling in Europe. Such being the case, not only has the United States profited by this conflict, but South America has wonderfully prospered and is holding her own in this colossal economic gain. This phenomenal financial stride on the part of Latin-American countries has come especially not through trans-Atlantic intermingling but through their

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immediate relationship with the United States. The daily newspapers, the monthly reviews, and the magazines of the United States are now carrying more articles about Latin-America than formerly they did in a whole year; not only chambers of commerce and boards of trade, but all kinds of social, civic and educational societies are discussing various phases of the material, economic, social and historical development of the Republics of Central and South America. To carry on this most effectively a knowledge of Spanish is essen-

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tial. Then why should the young American Negro not study Spanish?

Now, let us see the diplomatic side of the question. Is there any reason why the American Negro should not aspire for diplomatic duties in South American Republics? Such duties have been successfully carried on by worthy Negroes in other parts of the world, and there is no reason why positions requiring similar duties may not be aspired for on the Latin-American continent. It requires only individual initiative and serious effort on the part of serious-minded young men, who wish to enter diplomatic service. Then to fill such a position in a manner commensurate with the dignity which such a position demands, one ought to familiarize one's self with the necessary adjunct—Spanish, the language of the South American Republics.

In conclusion, if there be any student who wishes to gain a further knowledge of the advantages the study of the Spanish language may have, let him consult South American statistics, or actually begin the study of the language. For commercial purposes and for diplomatic services there are broad avenues open to those who are conversant with the Spanish language.

—H. B. Wallace.

Woman Suffrage



WOMAN Suffrage like Socialism marks the progress of the ages. It means a new interpretation of woman as Socialism means a new interpretation of capital. And consistent with man's attempt to rise above the material aspects of things, it raises woman from the plane of an objective beautiful creation for enjoyment to the realm of a subjective thinking creature to enjoy the fruits of existence. Like any movement in its incipency it has been guilty of many extravagances. But fortunate for the movement, especially in this country, its apostles have used peaceful means to gain its adoption by society.

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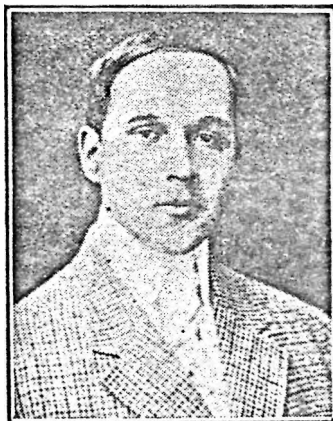
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Woman Suffrage means more than attempting to prove by any species of logic that women should have the right to vote because they are human beings. Enfranchisement of woman means the introduction of a new term into the social equation. Whenever a radical change is made in society, two important factors must be considered. Society is in a state of equilibrium when the outward circumstances vibrate the inward moral and intellectual status of the people. Whenever there is a change in one of these two factors society becomes unstable. It is the time of reformers who attempt to offer the equalizing force. If their message is powerful enough, society regains her balance; if, however, the outward

circumstances are very far below the inward moral and intellectual status of a people and there is no change to effect a stable condition, we have revolutions. Revolutions are less frequent today because our constitutions are more elastic and the ruling bodies do not age in their conservatism but are rejuvenated by young blood. Woman Suffrage has arisen at this fortunate hour that knows no guillotines and racks. The two same considerations must be entertained in the adoption of Woman Suffrage. The entire female portion of our population has not the moral and intellectual status to measure up to the outward circumstances of today. The entire male portion after centuries of the exercise of political domination has not these qualifications. Consequently, we have qualified male suffrage and if we are to grant Woman Suffrage, it must be qualified. A wholesale and indiscriminate enfranchisement of a group in which there is the greatest conceivable disparity in morality and intellect is unwise. Society has the right to say by whom and how it will be governed and in exercising such discretionary power it makes qualifications. Thus women who fulfill the same requirements as their male counterparts should be admitted to the voting family.

Some of the over zealous proclaimers of the cause of woman are guilty of the error of making

the cause of the disfranchised Negro voter analogous to their own. The disfranchised Negro bases his claim upon his fulfillment of the condition for admittance to the voting body. Although he meets the requirement, he is, nevertheless, denied the privilege that follows the fulfillment of the requirement. This forms the basis of his contention. On the other hand, the promoters of Woman Suffrage do not charge discrimination after having fulfilled the conditions but demand a change in the qualifications. The latter demand new regulations while the former demand a proper execution of the present system. If, however, the Negro relinquishes his claims upon the equitable execution of the present system, he may then make his claims common with the group now asking for admission into the body of which they have never been a part. This is both hypothetical and based upon a false assumption.

Woman Suffrage is then a step taken by advancing humanity that cannot be diverted by those who fail to understand the sign of the times.

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The N. A. A. C. P. Membership Campaign

Our college chapter of the N. A. A. C. P. for some time has been conducting a membership campaign to arouse greater interest in the N. A. A. C. P. work among the students of the University. During this campaign the president of our chapter arranged to present two speakers. On Monday, December 6th, Dean Pickens of Morgan College spoke as guest of the chapter, and on the following Monday evening Dr. Charles Edward Russell, the noted socialist and author, addressed the chapter.

Dean Pickens gave a heart-to-

crimination, disfranchisement, and segregation which we are subjected to in this country. He said that we must wish, will and work to get our rights but that the greatest of these was work, such as the N. A. A. C. P. is doing. The speaker closed by saying that our race is looking to such institutions as Howard for leadership and that we must see to it that our race is not disappointed.

Ere the echo of Dean Pickens' remarks had died out, we were favored by another lecturer, Dr. Russell. Dr. Russell's subject was "Race Prejudice in America." He opened his remarks by saying that the modern idea of success is nothing, but that service is the only thing that counts in life. He said further that race prejudice is not due to color, for there is no prejudice against people of a darker hue than many colored people, nor is it due to the fact that our ancestors were slaves, for every race has at some time been enslaved. He then showed that race prejudice is due to the modern economic system. "One man is better than another only in proportion as he has been of more service to his fellowmen," said Dr. Russell. The speaker ended his remarks by saying that the colored people as a whole do not show the proper interest in their own welfare and that this in a way handicaps their friends who are fighting for human rights.

Now to what end is all this? Will these efforts be wasted or will the student body of Howard University enter into this work and make it a success? We should get new courage and inspiration from such speeches as were delivered by these men. The campaign which was in operation during the month of December has not closed yet; there is still time for every man and woman at Howard University to join his and her forces in order to bring about the

ers. This is a responsibility of ours; let us awake to it; let us join in the movement for a more representative body from our college chapter; and let us swell the membership list and so make this the banner year for the N. A. A. C. P. at Howard.

—Luther O. Baumgardner.

News in Brief

Mr. P. H. Davis, '15, is instructor in the Science Department of Hollywood Institute, Hollywood, Miss.

The local Alumni Association of Howard University held its monthly meeting Saturday evening at Howard University.

Mr. A. S. Lafayette, manager of football, gave his report before the Athletic Association at its meeting Monday night.

The classes in German IV and VI rendered the program at the meeting of the German Club, Monday evening, January 10th.

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Mr. Maz Yergan, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the students on "The Big Things in Life," Tuesday, January 11th.

Dean Kelly Miller has an article in the December number of *Education* on "The Practical Value of the Higher Education for the Negro."

Mr. Walter E. Tibbs, 114, director of the Commercial Department of the Georgia State Industrial College, was in Washington during the holidays.

Mr. Richard T. Avery of the Howard Law School was elected manager of football for the season of 1916, at the meeting of the Athletic Association, Monday, January 10th.

"Socialism in a Colored University" is the subject of an article

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appearing in the Sunday edition of the *New York Call* for December 26, by W. H. Foster of the Howard Medical School.

Mr. P. J. Carter was elected representative to the Athletic Council from the Medical School.

Howard won from St. Mary's in the basketball contest Friday afternoon in Spaulding Hall.

Howard University Alumni Association Elects Officers

Officers for the newly organized Howard University Alumni Association of the District of Columbia are as follows:

Dr. S. S. Thompson, president; Dr. D. E. Wiseman, first vice-president; E. L. Scott, second vice-president; Mrs. O. M. Adams, third vice-president; J. I. Nelson, fourth vice-president; Prof. T. W. Turner, fifth vice-president; James Carter, sixth vice-president; Miss E. E. Banion, seventh vice-president; A. S. Pinkett, secretary; Professor George W. Hines and E. W. Turner, assistant secretaries; Mrs. Alma G. Scott, treasurer; Numa P. G. Adams, financial secretary; Dr. W. L. Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

About the Campus

Two mellow-voiced presidents—Curtis and Martin.

Matthew says he is no fly but he cannot get out of the Webb-entanglement.

The Penn may be mightier than the sword, but it is not weightier than a Stone.

When Martin thought he had the Town(s) captured, he observed that he still had a Nutt to crack.

"Never mind," say the Sophomores, "we'll make the next year freshmen beat the next year sophs."

Pollard says he is not married to "anyone." We didn't believe that "anyone" would so punish herself.

It is said that a theatrical star inspired Jackson to write poetry; it must have been the one in the "Ne'er-do-Well."

Two members of the "intellectual syndicate" have changed their given names from "Edith" to

"Edythe" and from "Alice" to "Alys," the third is now hoping to have her surname changed.

Freshman Dental Class Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the Freshman Dental Class the following officers were elected: Seymour S. Hill Jr., President; C. W. Preston, Vice President; M. N. Leary, Secretary; A. W. Jervay, Treasurer; Ashley Hines, Chaplain; J. A. White Sergeant-at-arms.

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Again, debating is an art, and the fact that interclass debating gives a greater number of men a chance to acquire it, of itself justifies the establishment of that institution. The whole University should feel proud of those three Freshmen who, a few weeks ago, made their debut upon the Howard rostrum by defeating the crack Sophomore team. In those men themselves, we find the greatest argument for interclass debating. Their arguments were pregnant with facts, showing the results of most extensive research. Besides, they seemed to understand so well the task which they had in establishing the affirmative side of the question, and the way in which they shifted all other burdens to their opponents was really remarkable. These men were the products of the interclass debate. May it continue to develop such material for the good of old Howard and for the edification of its students.

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ATHLETICS

Geo. B. Washington, Editor

Varsity Wins; Preps Lose

Lovers of basketball were given a real treat last Friday afternoon by witnessing two spectacular games: M. St. High School and the Academy furnished the preliminary contest; and Howard Varsity and St. Mary's staged the principle event. The High School quint during the first half played rings around the Prep boys, in which Captain Marshall was the star performer.

In the final period the Academy boys came from behind with a great burst of speed. The passing and general team work of the Preps were well executed but they missed many baskets. Final score M. St. 15, Academy 12.

The Varsity and St. Mary's of Baltimore were the main attraction. The St. Mary's team, by means of close guarding, held the Blue and White tossers in check for the first ten minutes of play, but after that the game was never in doubt. Howard emerged from the first half in the lead, 15 to 8.

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Score: M St. 15; Academy 12
Howard 29; St. Mary's 11

Notes

The St. Christopher basketball team of New York recently defeated the Carlisle Indians, 29-14. This is the first time that a colored team has ever met the Indians in any department of athletics.

One of the features of the indoor meet to be held on the 25th of February at Convention Hall, is a basketball game between Lincoln and Howard. The followers of Lincoln, in the city, will no doubt be pleased to see the Orange and Blue again in action against Howard.

The world champion Incorporators basketball team has been receiving some harsh treatment. On Christmas Eve the Cardinal-Machine defeated them, 21 to 17. The Vandals, champions of New Jersey, recently took them into camp to the tune of 64 to 35.

Athletic Association Elects Officers

At the meeting of the Athletic Association held on January 10th, the following officers were elected for the season of 1916:

Manager of the football team, R. T. Avery; Assistant managers, G. E. Brice, E. S. James, C. M. Thompson; Representative to the Athletic Council from the Medical School, P. J. Carter; Manager of the tennis team, J. P. Sampson; Assistant managers, F. H. Perkins, R. R. Penn, E. R. Hyman; Manager of the Academy football team, W. T. Burke; Assistant managers, O. M. Foster, R. Henry, Mr. Copeland; Manager of the Academy tennis team, O. W. Winters; Assistant managers, C. E. Clark, M. J. Tucker, C. A. Nicholas.

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Manyana

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strains of the song, "Manyana" lingered in my ears, and the word clung to my memory until finally I decided that I would try to find a girl that I could be crazy about, but perhaps one whom I knew nothing about—my Manyana.

As I sat there absorbed in thought, the face of Ethel Wellington, an altogether lovely girl, and the daughter of the prosperous Judge Wellington, whom I had known from my childhood, arose in my memory. I remembered how immensely fond of each other, she and I had been, probably because there had been no memories of a disagreeable period in our acquaintance, except that I had been an unpardonable bore to Jim Banford,—older than she by more than ten years;

but persistent in seeking her hand in marriage. Hastely arising and changing my attire for the evening, I decided that I would run in upon the young woman for a chat, and then join Phil at the dance.

With my plans well organized, I left the hotel and made my way to the stately residence of the Judge where a touch of the bell brought the quick response of the Judge himself. He with hearty and kind greetings ushered me into the drawing room in which sat Ethel and, to be sure, Jim Banford. Jim's displeasure at my presence was evident by the uncanny and contemptible glances which he cast toward me as I greeted the girl who arose to receive me. I did not tarry long in their company, but passed into the library where I chatted a few minutes with the Judge. Indeed, I could have remained longer, but it seemed so wrong in me to make Jim's displeasure more intense; for, I confess, I had no intention of making the girl my Manyana. However, I bade them all good night and took my departure, making my way to the boarding school dance. As I walked along, my thoughts provoked a bit of laughter, when I thought of Banford's wrath; but a feeling of satisfaction came over me, that I had at least not increased his feeling by depriving him of her company. A few minutes had elapsed when I found myself upon the threshold of Moxley Hall, from which the merry voices of those within drowned the strains of sweet music. I found myself ushered into a group of young people such as I had never met before, and where I came face to face

with Phil who proceeded to introduce me to the many smiling faces. I must confess, I was in a situation such as I had never experienced,—lean girls, fat girls, short girls, and tall girls, and indeed every kind of a girl,—girls adorned in every conceivable color, to which I must confess my ignorance. However, I met the situation realizing that I myself was a graduate in meeting the emergencies that arose out of such a gathering. And so I went from one group to the other, throwing in my words of cheer. I was deeply absorbed in conversation with a group of young women when I was attracted by the glances of a pretty and interesting figure seated on the opposite side of the hall. I admit that I did not wish to be considered too familiar, nor did I ever wish to be styled as a flirt; yet I did not consider myself such a slow poke that I would lose the opportunity of getting a woman's company when I saw that she wished me to have it. And so excusing myself, I made my way toward her.

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